

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1, 7, 9, 12, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 28, and CANCEL claims 29-38 without prejudice or disclaimer in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A magnetron, comprising:
a ring-shaped anode forming a plurality of resonance circuits wherein the ring-shaped anode is arranged to provide a ring lying in a horizontal plane;
a cathode disposed at an axial center of the anode to emit thermions, separated from the anode by a predetermined space;
at least one permanent magnet ~~provided beside~~ arranged co-axially with the anode along a horizontal axis lying in the horizontal plane to reduce demagnetization of the at least one permanent magnet and a height of the magnetron; and
a magnetic flux carrying unit to carry magnetic flux generated by the at least one permanent magnet to the predetermined space.
2. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one permanent magnet is spaced apart from the anode by a predetermined interval.
3. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 1, wherein the magnetic flux carrying unit comprises an upper magnetic flux carrying unit carrying the magnetic flux to an upper portion of the predetermined space and a lower magnetic flux carrying unit carrying the magnetic flux to a lower portion of the predetermined space.
4. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 3, wherein the at least one permanent magnet, the upper magnetic flux carrying unit and the lower magnetic flux carrying unit form a closed magnetic circuit in a normal or reverse order thereof.
5. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 3, wherein:
the upper magnetic flux carrying unit comprises an upper pole piece carrying the magnetic flux to the upper portion of the predetermined space and an upper yoke magnetically

connecting the permanent magnets with the upper pole piece; and

the lower magnetic flux carrying unit comprises a lower pole piece carrying the magnetic flux to the lower portion of the predetermined space and a lower yoke magnetically connecting the permanent magnets with the lower pole piece.

6. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 5, wherein the at least one permanent magnet, the upper yoke, the upper pole piece, the lower pole piece and the lower yoke form a closed magnetic circuit in a normal or reverse order thereof.

7. (currently amended) A magnetron, comprising:

a ring-shaped anode forming a plurality of resonance circuits wherein the ring-shaped anode is arranged to provide a ring lying in a horizontal plane;

a cathode disposed at an axial center of the anode to emit thermions, separated from the anode by a predetermined space;

at least one permanent magnet arranged co-axially with the anode along a horizontal axis lying in the horizontal plane to reduce demagnetization of the at least one permanent magnet and a height of the magnetron and generating magnetic flux to be applied to the predetermined space;

upper and lower pole pieces carrying the magnetic flux to upper and lower portions of the predetermined space, respectively; and

upper and lower yokes magnetically connecting the permanent magnets with the upper and lower pole pieces, respectively;

wherein the at least one permanent magnet, the upper yoke, the upper pole piece, the lower pole piece, and the lower yoke form a closed magnetic circuit in a normal or reverse order thereof.

8. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 7, wherein the at least one permanent magnet is spaced apart from the anode by a predetermined interval.

9. (currently amended) A magnetron, comprising:

a ring-shaped anode forming a plurality of resonance circuits wherein the ring-shaped anode is arranged to provide a ring lying in a horizontal plane;

a cathode disposed at an axial center of the anode to emit thermions, separated from the anode by a predetermined space;

at least one permanent magnet arranged co-axially with ~~provided beside~~ the anode along a horizontal axis lying in the horizontal plane to reduce demagnetization of the at least one

permanent magnet and a height of the magnetron and spaced apart therefrom by a predetermined interval to generate magnetic flux to be applied to the predetermined space; and a magnetic flux carrying unit to carry magnetic flux generated by the at least one permanent magnet to the predetermined space.

10. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 9, wherein the magnetic flux carrying unit comprises an upper magnetic flux carrying unit carrying the magnetic flux to an upper portion of the predetermined space and a lower magnetic flux carrying unit carrying the magnetic flux to a lower portion of the predetermined space.

11. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 10, wherein:
the upper magnetic flux carrying unit comprises an upper pole piece carrying the magnetic flux to the upper portion of the predetermined space and an upper yoke magnetically connecting the permanent magnets with the upper pole piece; and
the lower magnetic flux carrying unit comprises a lower pole piece carrying the magnetic flux to the lower portion of the predetermined space and a lower yoke magnetically connecting the permanent magnets with the lower pole piece.

12. (currently amended) A magnetron, comprising:
a ring-shaped anode forming a plurality of resonance circuits wherein the ring-shaped anode is arranged to provide a ring lying in a horizontal plane;
a cathode disposed at an axial center of the anode to emit thermions, separated from the anode by a predetermined space;
at least one permanent magnet arranged co-axially with provided beside the anode along a horizontal axis lying in the horizontal plane to reduce demagnetization of the at least one permanent magnet and a height of the magnetron;
upper and lower pole pieces carrying the magnetic flux generated by the permanent magnets to upper and lower portions of the predetermined space, respectively;
upper and lower yokes magnetically connecting the at least one permanent magnet with the upper and lower pole pieces, respectively, and covering tops and bottoms of the permanent magnets, respectively; and
an attaching unit to attach the permanent magnets to the upper and lower yokes.

13. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 12, wherein the attaching unit comprises:
attaching holes formed in the upper and lower yokes, respectively;

through holes formed in the permanent magnets, respectively; and
rivets or bolts adapted to attach the permanent magnets to the upper and lower yokes
while passing through the attaching and through holes.

14. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 13, wherein the rivets or bolt and
nuts are made of non-magnetic or paramagnetic material.

15. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 14, wherein the paramagnetic
material is aluminum or copper.

16. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 15, wherein the upper yoke is
provided at one or more side ends thereof with at least one mounting tab that protrudes outside
outer surfaces of the at least one permanent magnet, to be used to attach the magnetron to an
object.

17. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 12, wherein the at least one
permanent magnet has an outside surface that exists outside or coincides with radially outer
ends of the upper and lower yokes.

18. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 12, wherein the at least one
permanent magnet has a polarization direction parallel with the axial center direction.

19. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 12, wherein the at least one
permanent magnet comprises a plurality of magnets that have a same polarization direction.

20. (currently amended) A magnetron, comprising:
a ring-shaped anode forming a plurality of resonance circuits wherein the ring-shaped
anode is arranged to provide a ring lying in a horizontal plane;
a cathode disposed at an axial center of the anode to emit thermions, separated from the
anode by a predetermined space;
at least one permanent magnet arranged co-axially with ~~provided beside~~ the anode
along a horizontal axis lying in the horizontal plane to reduce demagnetization of the at least one
permanent magnet and a height of the magnetron and to be longer than the anode in an axial
center direction of the magnetron; and
a magnetic flux unit to carry magnetic flux generated by the at least one permanent
magnet to the predetermined space.

21. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 20, wherein the magnetic flux carrying unit comprises an upper magnetic flux carrying unit carrying the magnetic flux to an upper portion of the predetermined space and a lower magnetic flux carrying unit carrying the magnetic flux to a lower portion of the predetermined space.

22. (original) The magnetron as set forth in claim 21, wherein:
the upper magnetic flux carrying unit comprises an upper pole piece carrying the magnetic flux to the upper portion of the predetermined space and an upper yoke magnetically connecting the at least one permanent magnet with the upper pole piece; and
the lower magnetic flux carrying unit comprises a lower pole piece carrying the magnetic flux to the lower portion of the predetermined space and a lower yoke magnetically connecting the at least one permanent magnet with the lower pole piece.

23. (currently amended) A microwave oven, comprising:
a cooking cavity in which food is placed to be cooked;
a heating unit to heat the food, the heating unit comprising:
a magnetron, comprising:
a ring-shaped anode forming a plurality of resonance circuits wherein the ring-shaped anode is arranged to provide a ring lying in a horizontal plane;
a cathode disposed at an axial center of the anode to emit thermions, separated from the anode by a predetermined space;
at least one permanent magnet arranged co-axially with provided beside the anode along a horizontal axis lying in the horizontal plane to reduce demagnetization of the at least one permanent magnet and a height of the magnetron; and
a magnetic flux carrying unit to carry magnetic flux generated by the at least one permanent magnet to the predetermined space, and
a control unit to control an amount of heat produced by the heating unit.

24. (original) The microwave oven of claim 23, wherein the magnetic flux carrying unit comprises an upper magnetic flux carrying unit carrying the magnetic flux to an upper portion of the predetermined space and a lower magnetic flux carrying unit carrying the magnetic flux to a lower portion of the predetermined space.

25. (currently amended) A microwave oven, comprising:
a cooking cavity in which food is placed to be cooked;

a heating unit to heat the food, the heating unit comprising:

a magnetron, comprising:

a ring-shaped anode forming a plurality of resonance circuits wherein the ring-shaped anode is arranged to provide a ring lying in a horizontal plane;

a cathode disposed at an axial center of the anode to emit thermions;

an activating space formed between the anode and the cathode;

at least one permanent magnet arranged co-axially with~~beside~~ the anode along a horizontal axis lying in the horizontal plane to reduce demagnetization of the at least one permanent magnet and a height of the magnetron and generating magnetic flux to be applied to the activating space;

upper and lower pole pieces carrying the magnetic flux to upper and lower portions of the activating space, respectively; and

upper and lower yokes magnetically connecting the permanent magnets with the upper and lower pole pieces, respectively;

wherein the at least one permanent magnet, the upper yoke, the upper pole piece, the activating space, the lower pole piece, and the lower yoke form a closed magnetic circuit in a normal or reverse order thereof; and

a control unit to control an amount of heat produced by the heating unit.

26. (currently amended) A microwave oven, comprising:

a cooking cavity in which food is placed to be cooked;

a heating unit to heat the food, the heating unit comprising:

a magnetron, comprising:

a ring-shaped anode forming a plurality of resonance circuits wherein the ring-shaped anode is arranged to provide a ring lying in a horizontal plane;

a cathode disposed at an axial center of the anode to emit thermions;

an activating space formed between the anode and the cathode;

at least one permanent magnet arranged co-axially with ~~provided beside~~ the anode along a horizontal axis lying in the horizontal plane to reduce demagnetization of the at least one permanent magnet and a height of the magnetron and spaced apart therefrom by a predetermined interval to generate magnetic flux to be applied to the activating space; and

a magnetic flux carrying unit to carry magnetic flux generated by the at least one permanent magnet to the activating space; and

a control unit to control an amount of heat produced by the heating unit.

27. (currently amended) A microwave oven, comprising:

a cooking cavity in which food is placed to be cooked;

a heating unit to heat the food, the heating unit comprising:

a magnetron, comprising:

a ring-shaped anode forming a plurality of resonance circuits wherein the ring-shaped anode is arranged to provide a ring lying in a horizontal plane;

a cathode disposed at an axial center of the anode to emit thermions;

an activating space formed between the anode and the cathode;

at least one permanent magnet arranged co-axially with provided beside the anode along a horizontal axis lying in the horizontal plane to reduce demagnetization of the at least one permanent magnet and a height of the magnetron;

upper and lower pole pieces carrying the magnetic flux generated by the permanent magnets to upper and lower portions of the activating space, respectively;

upper and lower yokes magnetically connecting the at least one permanent magnet with the upper and lower pole pieces, respectively, and covering tops and bottoms of the permanent magnets, respectively; and

an attaching unit to attach the permanent magnets to the upper and lower yokes; and

a control unit to control an amount of heat produced by the heating unit.

28. (currently amended) A microwave oven, comprising:

a cooking cavity in which food is placed to be cooked;

a heating unit to heat the food, the heating unit comprising:

a magnetron, comprising:

a ring-shaped anode forming a plurality of resonance circuits wherein the ring-shaped anode is arranged to provide a ring lying in a horizontal plane;

a cathode disposed at an axial center of the anode to emit thermions;

an activating space formed between the anode and the cathode;

at least one permanent magnet arranged co-axially with provided beside the anode along a horizontal axis lying in the horizontal plane to reduce demagnetization of the at least one permanent magnet and a height of the magnetron and to be longer than the anode in an axial center direction of the magnetron; and

a magnetic flux unit to carry magnetic flux generated by the at least one permanent magnet to the activating space; and

a control unit to control an amount of heat produced by the heating unit.

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